

March 23, 2001

TO THE MISSISSIPPI STATE SENATE:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following Senate Bills:

S.B. NO. 2239: AN ACT ENTITLED THE "MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL SAFETY ACT OF 2001"; TO AMEND SECTIONS 37-3-81 AND 37-3-83, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH A SCHOOL SAFETY CENTER TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL AND CRISIS ASSISTANCE TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS, TO REQUIRE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ADOPT COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL SAFETY PLANS, AND TO AUTHORIZE SCHOOL SAFETY GRANTS TO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO FINANCE CERTAIN PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE SCHOOL SAFETY; TO ESTABLISH A SCHOOL CRISIS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM WITHIN THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, TO PROVIDE FOR A TEAM OF PROFESSIONAL INDIVIDUALS TO RESPOND TO TRAUMATIC OR VIOLENT SITUATIONS THAT IMPACT STUDENTS AND FACULTY IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR THE OPERATION OF THE PROGRAM, AND TO AUTHORIZE FUNDING FOR THE PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTION 37-11-54, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS CREATED BY SENATE BILL NO. 2390, 2001 REGULAR SESSION, WHICH REQUIRES THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND PEER MEDIATION MODELS AND CURRICULA FOR THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS; TO REQUIRE THE AUTOMATIC EXPULSION OF A STUDENT WHO IS 13 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER ON THE THIRD OCCURRENCE OF HABITUALLY DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR DURING A SCHOOL YEAR; TO DEFINE THE TERMS "DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR" AND "HABITUALLY DISRUPTIVE"; TO AMEND SECTION 37-11-55, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE A SCHOOL'S CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS AND TO PRESCRIBE ADDITIONAL POLICIES THAT MUST BE INCLUDED IN CODES OF STUDENT CONDUCT; TO AMEND SECTION 37-11-53, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO AUTOMATIC EXPULSION TO BE INCORPORATED INTO EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT'S DISCIPLINE PLAN AND CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT AT THE NEXT LEGAL AUDIT OF SUCH PLAN AND TO AUTHORIZE SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ALLOW A PARENT TO ACCOMPANY THEIR CHILD TO SCHOOL AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO

THE CHILD'S SUSPENSION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 23, 2001; 6:12 AM)

S.B. NO. 2730: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 69-37-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE REFERENDUM ON THE BOLL WEEVIL ERADICATION PROGRAM TO TEN YEARS; TO REQUIRE CERTAIN REPORTS; TO LIMIT THE ASSESSMENT FEES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 23, 2001; 6:13 AM)

S.B. NO. 2754: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-13-117, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO SPECIFY AND LIMIT THE TYPE OF IMPLANTABLE PROGRAMMABLE PUMP FOR WHICH HOSPITALS WILL RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL PAYMENT UNDER MEDICAID; TO EXTEND THE REPEAL DATE ON THE PROVISION AUTHORIZING THAT ADDITIONAL PAYMENT FROM JULY 1, 2001, TO JULY 1, 2005; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 23, 2001; 5:30 AM)

Respectfully submitted,

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